

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

## HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY UNIT #15236 APO AP 96205-0009

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth United States Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth United States Army Command Policy Letter # 14 -- Limitation on Exercise of Authority

- 1. Purpose. To ensure those cases involving officers and sergeants majo<sup>r</sup> assigned or attached to the general court-martial jurisdiction of the Commander, Eighth United States Army, are disposed of at my level.
- 2. Background. Rule for Courts-Martial 306(a) permits superior commanders to withhold from subordinate commanders the authority to dispose of offenses in individual cases, types of cases, or generally.

## 3. Discussion.

- a. Authority to dispose of cases of misconduct committed by officers and sergeants major assigned or attached to the general court-martial jurisdiction of the Commander, Eighth U.S. Army, is withheld from all subordinate commanders. This reservation includes the authority to issue reprimands, administer nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and convene courts-martial.
- b. Pursuant to this reservation of authority, I direct my subordinate commanders, when misconduct by officers and sergeants major is alleged, to ensure that a thorough investigation is completed, documented, and forwarded through the Staff Judge Advocate to me with the chain of command recommendations as to disposition. Once submitted, I will determine which cases I will handle personally.

c. This policy applies to actions currently under investigation, pending, or contemplated. It will remain in effect until formally rescinded.

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